

Utah Division of Aging and Adult Services items included in Governor Herbert's FY16 Budget

Adult Protective Services Staffing - \$229,700 (ongoing)

This funding will allow Adult Protective Services (APS) to hire three additional staffing in three areas:

- New Intake Worker – APS has a centralized screening and intake process for the public to report suspected cases of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation across the state. Since 2008, the number of calls to APS intake has increased by over 210% with the same level of intake staffing. Despite improved and streamlined processes, APS needs to add an additional staff person to meet demand and reduce bottlenecks in assigning cases to investigators.
- New APS Investigator – Since 2009, APS investigators have seen a 50% increase in case loads, despite a reduction in staff of roughly 20%. The addition on one new investigator will help to reduce this high volume over the system and allow APS to continue to respond effectively as case volumes continue to increase.
- New Forensic Accountant – APS has seen a tremendous growth in cases of financial exploitation since 2009. These cases are complicated and time consuming, particularly for investigators not trained in finance issues. Having a forensic accountant on staff to more effectively and efficiently support these cases will free up resources for other investigations and contribute to better and faster outcomes for exploited seniors.

Meals on Wheels - \$150,000 (ongoing)

- These funds will be passed through to the twelve local county Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) via the Division's funding formula in state rule. With the existing meals preparation and distribution system in place. These funds will be used to provide additional meals to new clients as demand continues to grow. With an average delivered meal cost of \$6.50, approximately 23,000 additional meals will be served to homebound, nutritionally at risk individuals across the state.

Local Caregiver Support Program - \$100,000 (one-time)

- The Caregiver Support program is administered by the twelve county Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) across the state. The program focuses on providing services, including respite services, to individuals caring for seniors who would otherwise be at risk for needing facility based care. Clients on the program are limited to \$1,500 per year. Given the program infrastructure is already in place, AAAs would be able to serve an additional 66 clients in the coming year with this one-time funding.

Intent Language

- The Division of Aging and Adult Services requests non-lapsing authority to retain General Funds unspent in FY16 on the Alternatives, Adult Protective Services, and Medicaid Aging Waiver programs.